

Docket No.: 052363-0030

**PATENT**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Katsumi OKAMURA, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 6234
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Application No.: 10/562,485	:	Group Art Unit: 1794
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Filed: December 27, 2005	:	Examiner: TURNER, ARCHENE A
	:	
For: SURFACE-COATED HIGH HARDNESS MATERIAL FOR TOOL	:	

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2008, wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on December 29, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.